

*Winter 2003*



# *Commencement*

*Missouri Southern State University*

# *Forty-first Commencement*

10 o'clock • Saturday • December 20, 2003  
Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

Processional "Pomp and Circumstance"

Elgar  
*Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble*

Invocation

Deborah Pulliam  
*Head, Teacher Education, Missouri Southern State University*

Welcome and Introductions

Julio S. León  
*President, Missouri Southern State University*

Address

Ron Richard  
*Missouri State Representative*

Presentation of Class

Betsy Q. Griffin  
*Interim Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University*

Conferring of Degrees

Julio S. León

Presentation of Diplomas

Betsy Q. Griffin

Congratulatory Remarks

Mark Comstock  
*President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University*

Announcement of Academic Honors

Betsy Q. Griffin

Benediction

Deborah Pulliam

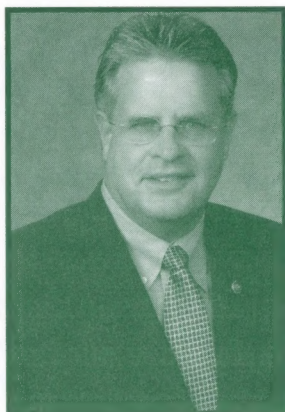
Recessional "Sine Nomine"

R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg  
*Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble*

Sign Language Interpreter

Mary Zustiak

Please remain seated until recessional is completed.



### *About the Speaker*

Representative Ron Richard, represents part of Jasper and Newton counties (District 129) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to the House in November 2002. In addition to his legislative duties, Representative Richard is a partner in A&R Development, C&R Development Corporation, and has full duties with C&N Bowl Corporation. He is the former mayor of Joplin, serving from 1994-1997. He also served on the Joplin City Council from 1990-1994.

Representative Richard is a member of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce; Missouri Chamber of Commerce; NFIB, Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Joplin, and, Knights of Columbus. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Missouri Southern State University Foundation and is chairman of the board of directors of the Joplin Redevelopment Corporation, Inc.

He is a former member of the Professional Bowlers Association. Representative Richard also served on the Joplin Public School R-8 Foundation, and has served as a board member of the Joplin Building and Industrial Development Corporation.

Additionally, he has served as a founding member and chairman of the Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council of Government. Representative Richard was active in raising funds to send the Joplin High School band to the Cotton Bowl and Rose Bowl. He has also served as Chairman of the Dennis Weaver All-Star Roundup event, to benefit the Ecolonomics scholarship program at Missouri Southern.

Representative Richard is chairman of the Joplin 353 Downtown Development Corporation, serves on the Joplin Industrial and Development Authority, is a member of the Missouri Higher Education Savings Program Board, and is chairman for the Missouri House Jobs Creation and Economic Development Interim Committee for 2003.

A 1965 graduate of McAuley High School, Representative Richard received a bachelor of arts from Missouri Southern in 1969 and a master of arts from Southwest Missouri State University in 1971. Representative Richard lives in Joplin with his wife, Patty. They have two children, Kara and Chad. Kara attended MSSU and graduated from the University of Missouri and the Arizona School of Health Sciences with a doctor of physical therapy. Kara is now employed at UCLA and USC in Cooperative research programs. Chad attended MSSU, graduating with a degree in architecture from the University of Arkansas.



# *Candidates for Honors & Degrees*

## *Baccalaureate Degrees*

### *Summa Cum Laude*

*Grade Point Average 3.90 or above*

Brown, Kimberly A.  
Budding, Rebecca Lynn #  
Dalrymple, Stephanie Kay #

Dilts, Marjorie Elaine  
Harter, Stacy Lynn #†  
Henderson, John Thomas #

Heppner, Angela Ruscell  
Larson, Christie Michelle #  
Reed, Kelli Nichole

Seifert, K. Diane #  
Stahl, Martin David  
Vann, Jamie Lea

### *Magna Cum Laude*

*Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.899*

Anderson, Shawna Gayle  
Avondet, Dustin August  
Butler, Angelique Elizabeth  
Carr, Amber Moennig

Corn, Philip Eugene  
Duke, Cathy Louise  
James, Nadine C.  
Jones, Amie Christine

Jones, Jerry  
Keeler, Connie Lea  
Knight, John Leroy  
Smith, Jennifer M'lee†

Tipton, John F  
Weist, Jo-Anne

### *Cum Laude*

*Grade Point Average 3.70 - 3.799*

Alcorn, Kimberlee Shyanne  
Augsburger, Amy Marie  
Barnes, Carol Elizabeth  
Buntin, Sarah Ann

Eiken, Jeramy Edgar  
Ellison, Sarah Elizabeth  
Frankey, Kathryn Jene  
Gowin, Lana Blubaugh

Hutton, Natalie Elizabeth  
Lewis, Alicia Ann  
Long, Jr., Timothy Eugene  
McLemore, Robyn Lynne

Patton, Erin Deane  
Rinehart, Richard Martin  
Spencer, Kevin W.  
Williams Jr., Robert Hugh

## *Associate Degrees*

### *First Honors*

*Grade Point Average 3.90 or above*

Witt, Rondle Lyn#

### *Second Honors*

*Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.89*

Rasool, Humna Sadiga

### *Third Honors*

*Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.89*

Ruch, Brenda K.

Whitehead, Andrew Daniel

# *School of Arts and Sciences*

## *Bachelor of Arts*

**Babbitt, Leigh Griffith**

*History/Political Science*  
Kimberling City

**Bennett, Chastady J.**

*English*  
Mt. Vernon

**Busse, Codi Jo Lorraine**

*Political Science*  
Carl Junction

**Coleman, Matthew Wayne**

*Art*  
Webb City

**Cowden, Maria Dawn**

*English*  
Neosho

**Dilts, Marjorie Elaine**

*Spanish*  
Joplin

**Dominguez, Mauricio**

*Communications*  
Carthage

**Dudley, Danielle N.**

*Spanish*  
Monticello

**Fethers, Drew Quinn**

*Theatre*  
Joplin

**Fulton, Abbey Renee**

*Chemistry*  
Joplin

**Gonzalez, Sara**

*Sociology*  
Joplin

**Griffin, Donna J.**

*History*  
Joplin

**Griffin, Timothy Joel**

*Music*  
Webb City

**Heisten, Jacob Ryan**

*Political Science*  
Carthage

**Hibner, Stephen Snidow**

*Communications*  
Joplin

**Hicks, Sandy D.**

*Political Science*  
Blue Springs

**Horton, Nathan Andrew**

*English*  
Joplin

**Huntley, Brian Patrick**

*Art*  
Joplin

**Isbell, Rachel Lynn**

*Communications*  
Cuba

**Jones, Jerry**

*English*  
Joplin

**Judah, Jay Michael**

*Art*  
Joplin

**Kemp, Luke Andrew**

*Spanish*  
Joplin

**Lawrence, Carrisa L.**

*Theatre*  
St. Louis

**Leffert, Donald H.**

*Theatre*  
Joplin

**Lukunka, Sharon Chisenga**

*Communications*  
Joplin  
Zambia

**Martinous, Moses Robert**

*English*  
Joplin

**McCleary, Mariko**

*Sociology*  
Neosho

**McPheron, Patrick W.**

*Art*  
Joplin

**McWilliams, Sheila M.**

*Communications*  
Carthage

**Mothershed, Kokain Michael**

*Communications*  
Oklahoma City, OK

**Patton, Erin Deane**

*History*  
Joplin

**Ray, Joshua A.**

*Communications*  
Aurora

**Robertson, Jr., Anthony Keith**

*Communications*  
Joplin

**Rupp, Neal Randy**

*Art*  
Joplin

**Rychcik, Philip Daniel**

*Communications*  
Joplin

**Spencer, Kevin W.**

*Sociology*  
Joplin

**Stanley, April Michelle**

*International Studies*  
Joplin

**Vann, Jamie Lea**

*International Studies*  
Fair Play

**Wade, Melissa Ann**

*English*  
Miami, OK

**Ward, Amber Dawn**

*Communications*  
Joplin

**Wattman, Kirk Nicholas**

*Political Science*  
Joplin

**White, Brandon Cody**

*English*  
Webb City

**Wigmore, Margo Noel**

*English*  
Joplin

**Zeka, Laura Leslie**

*Sociology*  
Joplin



## *Bachelor of Science*

**Bledsoe, Kirsten Amber**

*Sociology*  
Carl Junction

**Burkhart-Henson, Casey Jo**

*Biology*  
Neosho

**Cornog, Miranda Dawn**

*Sociology*  
Miami, OK

**Finley, Sarah Marcella**

*Biology*  
Carthage

**Griest, Jennifer Renee**

*Biology*  
Nixa

**Marti, Jennifer Nichole**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**McGuffey, Terri C. J.**

*Sociology*  
Neosho

**O'Connell, Christopher Sean**

*Biology*  
Mt. Vernon

**Palmer, Lisa Dawn †**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Peterson, Kenneth R.**

*Sociology*  
Bentonville, AR

**Schwab, Brett Alen**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Smalley, Krissy Rachel**

*Sociology*  
Monett

**Spicer, Brandee Michelle**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Taylor, Sharla Jo**

*Sociology*  
Lockwood

**White, Lindsay Dawn**

*Sociology*  
Oronogo

## *School of Business Administration*

### *Bachelor of Science in Business Administration*

**Alvarado, Jose Luis**

*Management*  
Neosho

**Anderson, Genea Michelle**

*Accounting*  
Webb City

**Baker, Jeremiah T.**

*Marketing*  
Carthage

**Barnett, Nickolas Allen**

*Marketing*  
Joplin

**Bennett, Bethany Lyn**

*Accounting*  
Verona

**Blanken, Julie A.**

*Accounting*  
Pittsburg, KS

**Boateng, Ama Bennin**

*Finance and Economics/Management*  
Joplin  
Ghana

**Boman, Misty Dawn**

*Accounting*  
Joplin

**Boudreau, Robert Frank**

*Management*  
Joplin

**Boyd, Nicole Elaine**

*General Business*  
Joplin

**Brady, Carolina**

*International Business*  
Joplin

**Bridgman, Micheal Ray**

*Economics and Finance*  
Joplin

**Brooks, Tara Lynn**

*Management*  
Webb City

**Brown, Kimberly A.**

*Accounting*  
Joplin

**Buntin, Jason R.**

*Marketing*  
Joplin

**Burks, Adena Kay**

*Management*  
Joplin

**Carpenter, Trisha Ann**

*Management*  
Joplin

**Carr, Amber Anne**

*Finance and Economics/Marketing*  
Wentworth

**Churchwell, Clayton A.**

*Accounting*  
Oronogo

**Clevenger, Lane Avery**

*Economics and Finance*  
Joplin

**Combs, Joshua Alan**

*General Business/Management*  
West Fork, AR

**Corn, Philip Eugene**

*General Business*  
Seligman

**Dammalapati, Pavani**

*Accounting*  
Joplin  
India

**Deardorff, Jennifer Leigh**

*Marketing*  
Webb City

**Decker, Ashley Dyan**

*Management/General Business*  
Butler

**Denham, Joshua Dean**

*Management*  
Joplin

**Doak, Joshua Mark**

*Management*  
Joplin

**Duncan, Heather Renee**

*Finance and Economics*  
Lamar

**Frye, Jennifer Spring**

*Accounting*  
Carthage

**Gilgen, Rist Alan**

Management  
Southwest City

**Glavin, Lesley-Ann Nicole**

Marketing  
Goodman

**Gowin, Lana Blubaugh**

General Business  
Nevada

**Gravett, Andrea Lynn**

Accounting  
Vinita, OK

**Griffith, Denise Ann**

Marketing/General Business  
Joplin

**Hedger, Amanda Brooke**

General Business  
Webb City

**Heppner, Angela Russell**

Accounting/Finance and Economics  
Joplin

**Houston, Tam'ra Raelee**

Accounting  
Joplin

**Hunt, Dustin Michael**

International Business  
Joplin

**Hurl, Paula C.**

General Business  
Joplin

**James, Nadine C.**

General Business  
Joplin

**Johnston, Daniel James**

Management/General Business  
Jasper

**Kennedy, Holly Leann**

Marketing  
Joplin

**Knight, John Leroy**

Accounting  
Carthage

**Lawrence, Andrew J.**

Marketing  
Duenweg

**Littlejohn, Tara Rae**

Accounting  
Lamar

**Mason, Lindsey Taylor †**

International Business  
Edmond, OK

**Matthews, Leisa Geralyne**

Marketing  
Carthage

**McCoy, Amy Beth**

Marketing  
Joplin

**Millsap, Aaron Michael**

Economics and Finance  
Joplin

**Mitchell, Jennifer J.**

Accounting  
Neosho

**Mobley, Bianca Alecia**

Management  
Monett

**Moser, Joy Lynn**

General Business  
Joplin

**Moussikhine, Dmitri  
Anatolievich**

Management/International Business  
Duenweg  
Russia

**Munn, Shane**

General Business  
Joplin

**Myers, Aaron Ross**

Accounting  
Joplin

**Ogle, Beth Renee**

General Business  
Carthage

**Parril, I Gabriel L.**

Management  
Webb City

**Plyler, Christopher J.**

Management  
Carthage

**Pryor-Smith, Amy Elisabeth**

Accounting  
Joplin

**Riggs, Jennifer Lynn**

Management  
Newtonia

**Roth, Blake E.**

Marketing/Management  
Webb City

**Roush, Matthew H.**

International Business  
Joplin

**Sainsbury, Travis**

Accounting  
Rogers, AR

**Sanders, Timothy James**

Management  
Joplin

**Scheirer, Zachary James**

General Business  
Peoria, IL

**Seifert, K. Diane #**

Accounting  
Joplin

**Sharrock, Lance Christopher**

Accounting  
Joplin

**Smith, Sally Ann**

Accounting  
Joplin

**Smith, Tara Elaine**

Marketing/Management  
Webb City

**Stahl, Becky Bayne**

General Business  
Lamar

**Starchman, Tiffany Renee**

Management  
Wyandotte, OK

**Stephenson, Carrie Renee**

Accounting  
Mt. Vernon

**Stout III, Henry O.**

Marketing  
Webb City

**Swarnes, Joseph Tyler**

Management  
Webb City

**Talbert, Daniel Dean**

Marketing  
Joplin

**Tandy, Carmen Marie**

Accounting  
Joplin

**Tipton, John F.**

General Business  
Joplin

**Torres, Brenda**

Accounting  
Siloam Springs, AR

**Ward, Aaron Joseph**

Management  
Marshfield

**Weist, Jo-Anne**

Accounting  
Sarcoxis

**Wheeler, Rachel Ann**

Marketing  
Grove, OK

**White, Jason Kyle**

General Business  
Carthage

**Williams, Chris Allen**

Economics and Finance  
Joplin

**Williams, Jr., Robert Hugh**

Management  
Mt. Vernon

**Willis, Mercedes Louise**

Accounting  
Webb City

**Winters, Jeffrey Steven**

General Business  
Overland Park, KS



# *School of Education*

## *Bachelor of Science*

**Butler, Angelique Elizabeth-  
Ellen**

*Psychology*  
Mt. Vernon

**Davis, Andrea S.**

*Psychology*  
Carthage

**DeWeese, Jillian Marie**

*Psychology*  
Seneca

**Gray, Kari L.**

*Psychology*  
Rockford, IL

**Holland, Lauren Renee Myers**

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Monett

**Jones, Stephanie Kay**

*Psychology*  
Neosho

**Larson, Christie Michelle**

*Psychology*  
Anderson

**McClellan, Shelly Dawn**

*Psychology*  
Jasper

**Poore, Cary Janessa**

*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
El Dorado Springs

**Ramirez, Anna Marie**

*Psychology*  
Newtonia

**Rice, Jeffrey David**

*Psychology*  
Miami, OK

**Tyner, Robin Elizabeth**

*Psychology*  
Miami, OK

## *Bachelor of Science in Education*

**Alverson, Teresa LaDonn**

*Elementary Education*  
Neosho

**Anderson, Shawna Gayle**

*Elementary Education*  
Neosho

**Augsburger, Amy Marie**

*Elementary Education*  
Neosho

**Barnes, Carol Elizabeth**

*Elementary Education*  
Neosho

**Binning, ReeAna Marie**

*Middle School Education*  
Joplin

**Branham, Elaine Marie**

*Elementary Education*  
Granby

**Brown, Stephanie Lea**

*Elementary Education*  
Monett

**Budding, Rebecca Lynn #**

*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Buntin, Sarah Ann**

*Elementary Education*  
Cassville

**Clanton, Heidi Jo**

*Elementary Education*  
Neosho

**Dalrymple, Stephanie Kay #**

*Elementary Education*  
Cartersville

**Eiken, Jeramy Edgar**

*Mathematics Education*  
Carthage

**Ellison, Sarah Elizabeth**

*English Education*  
Liberal

**Ferguson, Joseph Richard**

*Elementary Education*  
Carthage

**Frankey, Kathryn Jene**

*Elementary Education*  
Neosho

**Garner, Lindsa Renae**

*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Gharbi, Myriam**

*French Education*  
Joplin  
France

**Glover, Tabitha Lynn**

*Elementary Education*  
Monett

**Grant, Tonya Michelle**

*English Education*  
Joplin

**Greer, Kimberley Dawn**

*Social Science Education*  
Nevada

**Hansen, Jeffrey Stephen**

*Physical Education*  
Wichita, KS

**Harrell, Tonya S.**

*Elementary Education*  
Goodman

**Harter, Stacy Lynn †#**

*Theatre/Speech Communications*  
*Education*  
Joplin

**Harvey, Michelle Marie**

*Elementary Education*  
Jenkins

**Henderson, John Thomas #**

*Elementary Education*  
Seneca

**Holmstrom, Magnus Anders**

*Physical Education*  
Joplin  
Finland

**Hutton, Natalie Elizabeth**

*Elementary Education*  
Carl Junction

**Jones, Amie Christine**

*Elementary Education*  
Seneca

**Keeler, Connie Lea**

*Music Education*  
Joplin

**Koch, Corine Carol**

*Elementary Education*  
Carl Junction



**Lewis, Alicia Ann**  
*Elementary Education*  
Aurora

**Littleford, James A.**  
*Physical Education*  
Coffeyville, KS

**Luther, Ken M.**  
*Social Science Education*  
Joplin

**Malone, Jonita Beth**  
*Elementary Education*  
Seneca

**Marrufo, Tabbitha Nichole**  
*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Mays, Andrea Dawn**  
*Elementary Education*  
El Dorado Springs

**McFarland, James Bryce**  
*Business Education*  
Girard, KS

**McLemore, Robyn Lynne**  
*Elementary Education*  
Carthage

**Meirick, Zane Edward**  
*Middle School Education*  
Joplin

**Muter, Amanda Lechelle**  
*Elementary Education*  
Pittsburg, KS

**Myers, Kerri Lynn**  
*Elementary Education*  
Nevada

**Pennington, Samantha Lee**  
*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Perkins, Trisha R.**  
*English Education*  
Diamond

**Reed, Kelli Nichole**  
*Elementary Education*  
Joplin

**Rinehart, Richard Martin**  
*Business Education*  
Diamond

**Schene, Heather Christine**  
*Elementary Education*  
Florissant

**Schoonover, Jared Morgan**  
*Social Science Education*  
Bentonville, AR

**Sheets, Lisa Diane**  
*Elementary Education*  
Golden City

**Shipp, David R.**  
*English Education*  
Nevada

**Sill, Jeff**  
*Physical Education*  
Carl Junction

**Smith, Jennifer M'lee †**  
*Music Education*  
Joplin

**Stevens, Brendin Janel**  
*Elementary Education*  
Carthage

**Stites, Lianne Noelle**  
*Elementary Education*  
Wakeeney, KS

**Streck, Holly Marie**  
*Elementary Education*  
Nixa

**Weston, Kami Nicole**  
*Physical Education*  
Baxter Springs, KS

**White, D. Michael**  
*Middle School Education*  
Joplin

**Williamson, Kasey Lynn**  
*Social Science Education*  
Joplin

**Woodruff, Taylene Ruth**  
*English Education*  
Southwest City

**Wydick, Andrea Renae**  
*Elementary Education*  
Nevada

**Younts, Amanda Lynnette**  
*Elementary Education*  
Mt. Vernon

## *School of Technology*

### *Bachelor of Science*

**Alcorn, Kimberlee Shyanne**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Granby

**Avondet, Dustin August**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Nixa

**Beeler, Robert Douglas**  
*Medical Technology*  
Joplin

**Blackwell, Janey Kay**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Nevada

**Bracken, Adam Shane**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Webb City

**Braeckel III, Robert J.**  
*Management Technology (MIMS)*  
Grandview

**Brattin, Kana M.**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Pierce City

**Brown, Kimberly A.**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Joplin

**Butler, Brandon Lee**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Mt. Vernon

**Cammilletti, Beth Anne**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Clark, Heather Dawn**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Nevada

**Cupp, Melinda M.**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Springfield

**Duke, Cathy Louise**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Afton, OK

**Eggerman, Devon Lance**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Estridge, Sergio O.**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

**Ford, Ashli Rachelle**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Webb City

**Haddock, Tamara L.**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Anderson

**Hanes, Joshua Steven**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Webb City

**Highley, Joshua Alan**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Nevada

**Hollingshead, Jr., Donald A.**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Hubbard, John Marc**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Siloam Springs, AR

**Hutchison, Kenneth Walter**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Walker

**Kreutzer, Russell Alan**  
*Management Technology (MIMS)*  
Carthage

**Lankford, Jason D.**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Long, Jr., Timothy Eugene**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**McIntosh, Darren Edward**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Columbia

**Miller, Joseph Edward**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Nguyen, Myphuong Thi**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Joplin  
Vietnam

**Nguyen, Thaihuy Vo**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Joplin  
Vietnam

**Nunley, Jacob A.**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Goodman

**Plumb, Isaac Alan**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Reeds

**Reeve, Daniel J.**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Joplin

**Saylor, Scott L.**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Fair Grove

**See, Kimberly D.**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Nevada

**Smitherman, Tamarick Trayon**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Lubbock, TX

**Stahl, Martin David**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Joplin

**Trottnic, Jeffrey Scott**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Duenweg

**Wade, Cora Rebecca**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Marionville

**Wade-Macios, Rheana Louise**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Wilkowski, Nicholas Alexander**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Joplin

**Williams, Sara Jane**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Marionville

**Wilson, Michael Christopher**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

## *Bachelor of General Studies*

**Anderson, Shelby R.**  
*General Studies*  
Columbus, KS

**Aronhalt, Teresa Lynn**  
*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Atnip, Amanda Rochelle**  
*General Studies*  
Jasper

**Brady, Dawn Michelle**  
*General Studies*  
Cartersville

**Burns, Michelle Allene**  
*General Studies*  
Carthage

**Butler, Jennifer Susanne**  
*General Studies*  
Nevada

**Castor, Gayle O'Neal**  
*General Studies*  
Webb City

**Connell, Susan Hughes**  
*General Studies*  
Carthage

**DeLaney, Jr., Larry David**  
*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Jackson, Toni A.**  
*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Kerley, Twyla**  
*General Studies*  
Cardin, OK

**Kirkman, Dacy Rene**  
*General Studies*  
Licking

**Kos, Freda F.**  
*General Studies*  
Rich Hill

**Kralicek, Holly Ann**  
*General Studies*  
Sarcoxie

**Maldonado, Janice Dee**  
*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Nelson, Christopher Michael**  
*General Studies*  
Neosho

**Orton, Allison Leann**  
*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Parker, Dustin King**  
*General Studies*  
Baxter Springs, KS

**Strait, Wendy Rae**  
*General Studies*  
Carthage

**Veytovich, Charlotte M.  
Stephens**  
*General Studies*  
Bowdon, GA



## *Associate of Arts*

**Ackerson, Rhonda Lynn**

*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Bard, Karen Kristine**

*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Hancock, Suzanne Nichole**

*General Studies*  
Milo

**Jansen, Belinda Sue**

*General Studies*  
Diamond

**Lineberry, Monica J.**

*General Studies*  
Lee's Summit

**Rhoades, Christine Lynn**

*General Studies*  
Sheldon

**Wilkins, Jennifer Lynn**

*General Studies*  
Carterville

**Witt, Rondle Lyn**

*General Studies*  
Stockton

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# *Academic Attire*

**A**s early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms. Some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.



# *Our Mission*

*M*issouri Southern State University is a state-supported, comprehensive university offering programs leading to the bachelor's degree and selected master's degrees. Faithful to its original statutory charter, the University also offers continuing education courses and a number of two-year programs in technical and vocational areas for the benefit of the community.

The University's primary emphasis is the offering of a baccalaureate program that fosters the total education of each student. Central to that mission is a strong commitment to international education, to the liberal arts, to professional and preprofessional programs, and to the complementary relationship that must exist between liberal and professional education in order to prepare individuals for success in careers and lifelong learning.

Inherent in its international approach to undergraduate education is the University's desire to prepare its students to understand world affairs, international issues and other cultures as seen through their history, geography, language, literature, philosophy, economics and politics. Knowledge and understanding of other cultures of the world also promote better understanding of our own valuable cultural diversity.

Missouri Southern's commitment to the liberal arts is reflected in a comprehensive program of general education requirements for all students to ensure that they have a breadth of educational experiences which will enable them to develop communication and critical thinking skills and to acquire and apply aesthetic, contemporary, civic, international, historical, mathematical, scientific and value-oriented perspective.

The faculty and staff of Missouri Southern State University emphasize quality teaching and learning as the most important attributes of the University, complemented by scholarly and creative expression and dedicated community service. Community service involves responsiveness to the Southwest Missouri region as well as serving as the intellectual, creative and cultural center of the area.

In order to remain loyal to the trust given to the University by the people of the State of Missouri, Missouri Southern State University will:

- fulfill its mission and objectives in an honorable and ethical manner;
- periodically review its mission in light of contemporary changes in society and in the needs of the people of Missouri,
- continually assess the effectiveness of its programs in order to ensure their quality and integrity.



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